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district is very densely populated, as many as 140 people having been found inhabiting two or three houses. A large number have been vaccinated, and as soon as a sufficient supply of vaccine matter is received a general vaccination will be instituted. Thus far there have been no deaths from the disease, and among the cases no deaths are expected to occur, the disease running a very mild course.

No yellow fever has been reported since the case which occurred on May 22, and nothing of a suspicious nature has been observed.

PERSIA.

Report from Teheran—Status of plague in Seistan—Conditions improved.

The following is received from the sanitary council of the Persian Empire, under date of July 2:

During the week ended June 30 only 1 death, with no new cases, was reported in the province of Seistan, where the disease has been reported present since November 15, 1905. There remain only 15 old cases, considered cured, in 5 villages. Plague has disappeared from 20 villages in which it was prevalent.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Peru—Plague and smallpox in Chile—Outgoing quarantine by Peruvian authorities suspended—Disinfection of baggage continued by Service.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, June 24 and 26 and July 2, as follows:

Week ended June 23, 1906. The British steamship *Peru* was dispatched on June 23 for Ancon, Canal Zone, with general cargo, 51 cabin passengers, 30 steerage passengers, and 2 new members of crew from this port.

On account of the improved condition of the plague here and in Lima, the Peruvian health authorities suddenly suspended all outgoing quarantine and closed the station for disinfection of baggage on the 22d instant. For this reason it was impossible to properly disinfect the effects of passengers embarking on the steamship *Peru*, and this vessel left with condition noted on her bill of health.

Callao remains apparently free from plague and there has not been any case reported in Lima since that of the 6th instant, mentioned in my report for the week ended June 9.

Bills of health from Iquique show the epidemic of smallpox still present. Those from Antofagasta show 14 cases of smallpox with 2 deaths and 18 cases of plague with 2 deaths during the two weeks prior to June 16.

June 26: The Peruvian sanitary department will continue to fumigate all vessels from Chilean ports on arrival at Ilo or Mollendo and those from Ecuadorian ports at Paita as formerly, but no work will be done on vessels going out from Callao.

The establishment for disinfection of baggage, on which I have depended for that part of my work, was closed and the employees were disbanded.